

His deep and constant veneration for Lincoln, expressed in many letters, is seen in this letter to Dr. Duncan C.

Milner, Chicago, on November 20, 1908:

"Great-Heart is my favorite character in allegory (which is, of course, a branch of fiction, as you say), just as Ban-yan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' is to my mind one of the great-est books that was ever written; and I think that Abra-ham Lincoln is the ideal Great-Heart of public life."

"When I was discussing with Roosevelt the writing of the present volumes, he said on one occasion when I spoke of Grover Cleveland: 'I wish you would put in all letters of mine referring to him, for I respected the old fellow highly and greatly liked him.'" In accordance with this request I append two letters which the President wrote in the dos-ing year of his administration:

To MRS. GEOVEE CLEVELAND,
Princeton, N. J.

QUYTER BAY,
July 13, 1908.

My Dear Mrs. Cleveland:

It has recently been my privilege to sign a proclamation changing the name of the San Jacinto National Forest to the Cleveland National Forest. May I express to you the very great pleasure it gave me to take that action—a pleasure mingled with a keen sense of the loss to our country and to our citizens in the death of President Cleveland! On February 22, 1897, President Cleveland signed the proclamation creating the San Jacinto Forest reserve in Southern California. The date, February 22, was no mere accident since the signature of the proclamation was timed to coincide with the birthday of our first President.

President Cleveland was one of the first to recognize the need of forest preservation, and the creation of the San Jacinto and other Forest Reserves with a total area of 25,686,320 acres was one of the results of his foresight in this direction. Throughout his life he took great interest in conserving the natural resources of the Nation; and I